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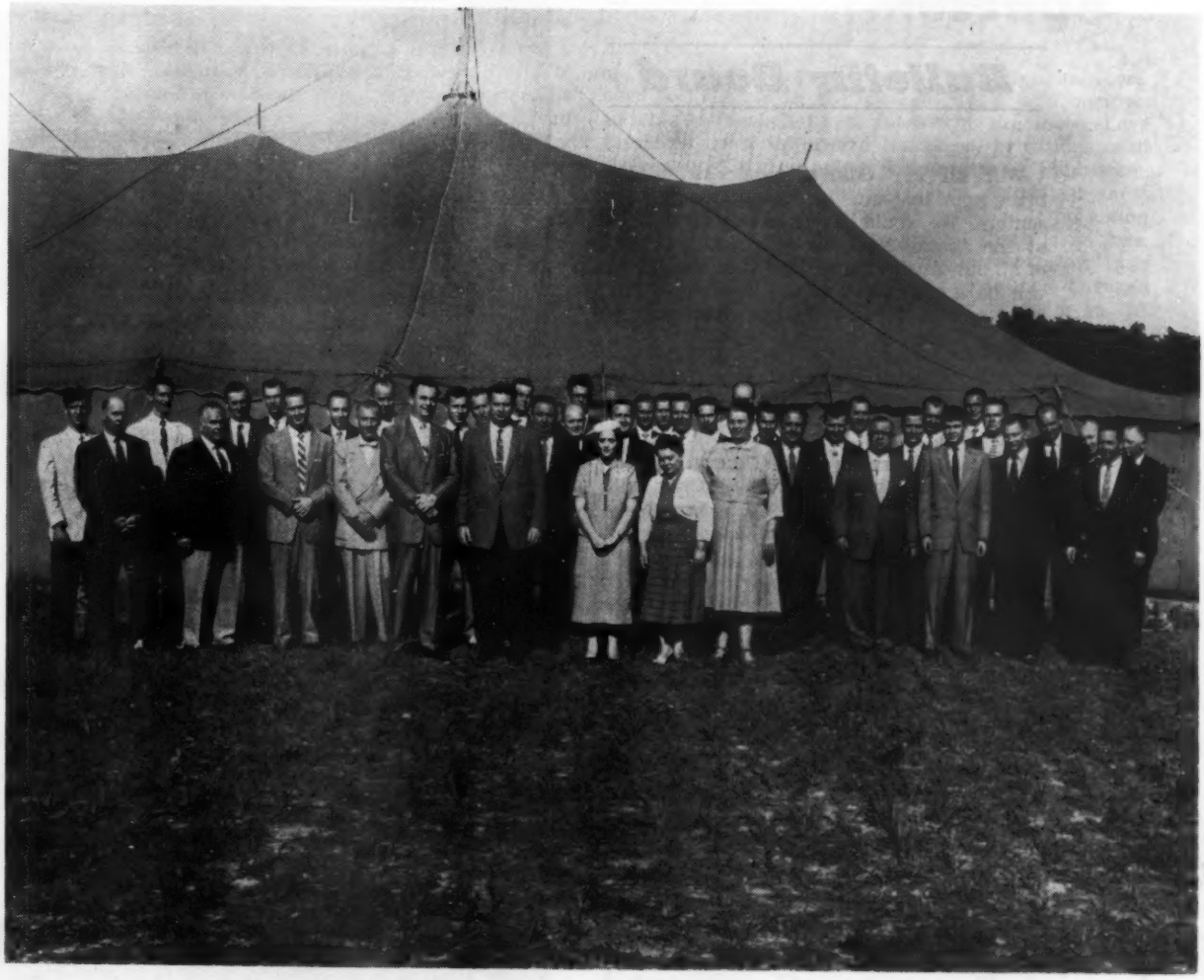

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Bulletin Board

Will all our church musicians please bring your instruments to the General Assembly? We would like to have a good band at the Assembly, so we will need the help of all our musicians. We feel that this music will be a real asset to the Assembly. The band will be organized soon after our arrival in Memphis.

—The Assembly Music Committee

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Dedicatory services of the Church of God, 3357 Albrecht Avenue, Akron 12, Ohio, will be held August 3, 1958, at 2 p.m. Everybody welcome. *—Rev. William Adams, pastor*

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In September, the *Evangel* will begin a series of prophetic studies by Clyde C. Cox, renowned preacher, Bible teacher and author. Be sure your subscription is in order before this great series begins.

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The Church of God, Liberty Grove, Maryland, is now on the air each Sunday, 10:00-10:30 a.m., over WAMD, Aberdeen, Maryland, 970 on the dial.—E. G. Gray, Jr., pastor.

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A new work has begun in Denton, North Carolina. Anyone having friends or relatives living in or around there, contact me or come to the services on Saturday night or Sunday afternoon.—James P. Cooper, Route 3, Box 116, Denton, North Carolina.

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The Editor's Message

Love Is Positive

MISSIONARIES FOUND, when they went to translate the Bible into the language of the Algonquin Indians, that there was no word in the language that meant love. We pity the poor primitives whose vocabularies include no native equivalent for this great word. Yet, we whose civilization and culture have taught us the sight and sound of the word, and its supposed meaning, are quite possibly as ignorant of the true meaning of love as were the Algonquins.

The word "love" is one of the most abused in all the English language. It has been so commonly and improperly used that it has lost its meaning. People of today claim to love almost anything that strikes their fancy. They claim to love those things which only give them sensate pleasure or a momentary thrill. While with abandon many avow their love for a multitude of things, it is quite possible that actually they love nothing at all.

It is no accident that the Bible places prime emphasis on love. In listing the fruit of the Spirit, Paul gave first place to love (Galatians 5:22). Jesus revealed to His disciples that the one thing by which all Christians can be known is love (John 13:35). It was with good reason that John said that he who loves not knows not God (1 John 4:7, 8). The Scriptures are neither mild nor scant in their declaration of love's necessity. If the Bible is true, then we cannot evade the conclusion that love must dominate our lives if we are God's children. Because the Bible is true, we should examine ourselves to see whether or not there is in our hearts that implicit and unabated love required of us. Love is a positive and active human affection.

Do your fellow men know you to be a servant of God because you have love? Do you know that you are a child of God because you know the experience of love? Do you love your neighbor as yourself? It is easy to declare your love for God and your fellow man, but it is quite another thing to have it.

Love cannot rest unexpressed; love cannot lie dormant and watch a neighbor or brother suffer need. Love cannot remain silent and hear a person slandered and maligned. Love is sensitive to the needs of others; love grasps each opportunity to help others. Love is dynamic in the human breast and compels action for the benefit of those who are loved. Love expresses itself in inward sacrifices, privations, and abnegations; and in outward benedictions, kindnesses, and charities. Love moves; it does things; it must manifest and declare itself. Where there is no action and where there is no positiveness, there is no love.

What the multitude of commandments to love man actually means is that we should be actively engaged in helping our fellow men and our brothers in the Lord. You cannot say that you love a person simply because you do not desire his downfall, failure, or injury. Men who have never heard of him can say that much. Strangers who have no pretense of love can state the same. If you are indifferent toward someone you can sit idly and detachedly by, caring little what he does or what becomes of him. His fortunes are simply of little or no concern to you, except, perhaps, as a passing curiosity.

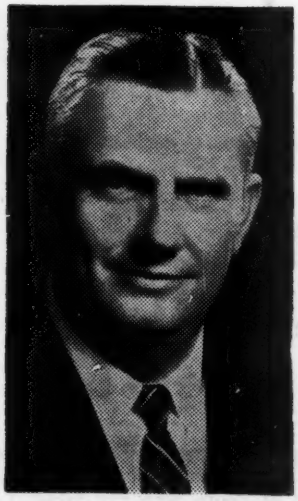
If you love a person his fortunes and his welfare are of express concern to you, and each opportunity to help one you love will bring you joy, and you will do it gladly. Seeing him hurt will be like being hurt yourself. When you love, you act! You must help, you must boost, you must exert every energy within you to assist, to uphold, to encourage, or to save. That is why Jesus called love the first and great commandment (Matthew 22:37-39).

COMING NEXT WEEK

Special Lee College edition, featuring commencement week, valedictorians, salutatorians, the various commencement week activities and exercises and including information about the various activities of the Lee College Alumni Association. The next issue will also carry the results of the 1958 Publishing House Contest.

North Carolina Conquers for God

By MANUEL F. CAMPBELL



Rev. L. H. Aultman

North Carolina State Council

To see a great state like North Carolina gear for God and advance with Christian enthusiasm is heart-warming. It is most stimulating to be identified with a group whose goal is to conquer for God. The greatest urge that mortal man has ever felt is the passion for souls. It is the desire to make the world better Christ's way. To accomplish this worthy task requires leadership.

For the past four years North Carolina has benefited by the inspired leadership of the Rev. L. H. Aultman, State Overseer. He is esteemed for his love for the Church of God, his devotion to duty, and for the general management of state affairs.

In less than 4 years there have been 51 new church buildings and 32 parsonages constructed. There has been a tremendous improvement in state property. For instance, a new state and youth parsonage at the cost of $50,291.49 The new state office building is also a compliment to the campground. Then the latest, however, to enhance the campground is the spacious air-conditioned cafeteria with modern facilities throughout. The total cost for state improvements amounts to $166,020.36. Without capable supervision the cost would have been considerably more. It is conservatively estimated that our campground property alone is worth $500,000. Then our orphanage property improvements will total $59,000, which includes a new parsonage and a modern dining hall. The dining hall was a gift from Mr. Charles Cannon, costing more than $40,000.

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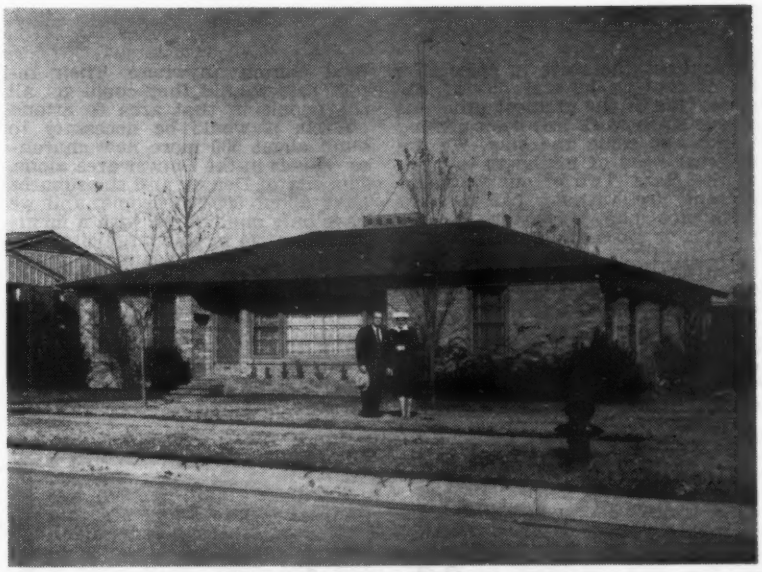
The Church of God in Southeast Texas

By J. H. WALKER, State Overseer



Southeast Texas State Parsonage

Southeast Texas Youth Director's Parsonage

Rev. J. H. Walker

I am happy to bring you this report which represents the faithful services of our precious ministers and laity of Southeast Texas. They have worked hard in carrying out the state program, and many of our churches have a good spirit of evangelism prevailing.

Our recent great Texas camp meeting was acclaimed by many as being one of the greatest ever held in the ole Lone Star State.

The following statistics cover a period of 21 months, from September 1, 1956, through May 31, 1958:

Homes visited		53,824
Sermons preached		12,238
Saved		1,896
Sanctified		945
Baptized with Holy Ghost		668
Baptized in water		182
Added to the Church		490
State membership		2,219
Churches in state		54
Sunday Schools		54
Y.P.E.'s		47
New churches organized		5
New churches built or bought		4
New parsonages		7
New apartments		2
Total tithes paid		$ 21,312.37
Total missions raised, plus 5 per cent to general and state headquarters		16,562.11
To foreign missions	$8,532.11	
To state missions	8,030.00	
To Children's Home		4,827.54
To aged ministers		2,106.96
To L.W.W.B.		27,120.80

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COLORFUL COLORADO

By E. W. CARDEN, Overseer

Rev. E. W. Carden

Through the Lord's help and faithfulness of the ministers and the members in the state, we have been able to accomplish some things for God since the last General Assembly.

We have organized 2 new churches, one in Cederedge and the other at Greeley. We have also been able to secure some new buildings. The church at La Junta has worshipped in a store building for about 14 years, with 4 rooms behind this store building, which was partly made of adobe mud. During a revival there, a good businessman of the city gave the church 9 lots, located in a good section of town. The Rev. H. B. Chamberlain went to the city and built a nice church with a half-sized basement and nice living quarters behind the church. This is one of our nice churches in the state, a great accomplishment for the La Junta Church. At Greeley we have purchased a nice frame church on a nice corner lot. This building is 30 by 50, with a full-sized basement. All the church furniture was included in this building. This work is doing well under the leadership of J. M. Daughtery.

Another great accomplishment is our state parsonage. When we came to this state, the headquarters was in Grand Junction, thirty-two miles from the Utah line, on the western side of the Rockies. God has helped us to purchase a nice seven-room parsonage with one and one-half baths, a half-sized basement, and a double garage. It is in a good section of the city of Denver and very convenient for the state office.

We have also been able to make some progress in membership throughout the state in spite of a lot of moving in and out of the state. One of the greatest problems of our state work has been getting workers to come and stay. We are in great need of ministers to work in the state. Two of our works at present are without pastors and have not had a pastor for six months or more. Colorado is a wide open field for workers with some beautiful cities for great opportunities if we had the men with the vision and the mind to work. For example, the churches in the city of Denver took church census recently and found that in the Denver area alone there were over 400,000 Protestants who did not attend church anywhere. Their report said that if they could get all the people in that area to attend church, it would be necessary to build about 500 more new churches. This is in the Denver area alone. The city of Denver and the suburbs have about 800,000 people, and we have only one church with a membership of 74 in this large city, and there are many beautiful towns around Denver. You see, the fields are ripe and truly the laborers are few. Let us pray that God will send laborers in this great field of work. At the present time we do not have a full-time evangelist in the state, and the state is in great need of revivals.

Notice!

The Church of God General Assembly will convene August 19-23 at the Ellis Memorial Auditorium in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Ordained Ministers' Council begins at 9:00 a.m. August 19. The Assembly adjourns at 10:00 p.m. August 23.

Highlights of the 1958

Michigan Camp Meeting

By DONALD S. AULTMAN, State Youth Director

Rev. C. R. Spain, Overseer

The 1958 Michigan camp meeting was a never-to-be-forgotten experience for the hundreds who attended this first meeting on the campground near Fenton. This week of worship was the end of a vision that began in the Michigan ministers' minds when, two years ago, they met in Lansing and personally donated $5,000 for the down payment on the 40 acres that were purchased as a camp site. This week was also a happy realization to the many laymen in Michigan who longed for so long to have such a meeting place.

The driving force behind this progressive move, and the months of labor that brought the campground out of the dreaming stage, was none other than our state overseer, the Rev. C. R. Spain. Working with him, was the campground committee composed of 5 ministers and 4 laymen; namely, Luther Turner, Perry Horton, E. E. Winters, Garold Boatwright, T. L. Forester, Elmer Drew, and Clyde Taylor, Oscar Webb, Harvil Akins, and Dick Belcher, along with the state Sunday School and youth director, Donald S. Aultman.

The camp meeting began on Monday night, June 9, in a wave of glory and rose higher and higher until the last service on Saturday night. The night services were blessed with the able ministry of the Rev. Harry Mushegan, of Chattanooga, Tennessee. His messages and the singing of his family were a real treat each evening. For the third time in four years, the morning speaker was the Rev. R. P. Johnson, beloved in Michigan and throughout the Church as the prince of preachers. Brother Johnson was never better. It seemed that God endowed this blessed man with strength each morning as he gave words of wisdom that we shall never forget.

We were all happy to learn that the Rev. Earl P. Paulk, Assistant General Overseer, was going to be with us during the entire week. Brother Paulk preached the mission sermon Friday night and then dedicated the campground with a great message on Saturday afternoon. Representing the Sunday School and Youth Department was the Rev. O. W. Polen, National Director. Brother Polen gave a very informative summary of the Sunday School and youth work and then preached an outstanding message on the subject "Who Cares?"

Representing Lee College was the Rev. D. C. Boatwright, former state overseer of Michigan and now state overseer of Ohio. Other outstanding messages during the week were delivered by E. E. Winters, Luther Turner, and T. L. Forester, all ministers in Michigan. The L.W.W.B. service, under the direction of Mrs. C. R. Spain, state president, featured an award to Monroe, 4th Street, and a message by Mildred Cole, state secretary. On youth night, the choir, filled with teenagers, blessed the hundreds who filled the tent with their special singing. Also featured was the singing Star Trio of Detroit. State awards on this night went to Monroe, 4th Street, for Y.P.E.; Holly, for work in Sunday School; and to Joe Shiflett of Monroe, 4th Street, as the state Sunday School superintendent of the year. Other features of the week were two wonderful healing services conducted by Doyle Zachary and N. A. Jordan. Many people testified that God had healed them in these services. In the service on Saturday night, a tribute was given to the Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Spain for their work in Michigan during the last four years. Each member of the state council and the state Sunday School and youth director gave a short verbal expression of their love and appreciation of the work done by the Spains in Michigan.

As the last service brought this historic camp meeting to a close, there was a mighty outpouring of God's Spirit which crowned the entire week's meetings with a blessedness. Ministers, members, and friends left the grounds a little sad that the camp had to close so soon, but with full realization that at last Michigan has a campground where God's people can leave all their cares for a few days and worship God with brothers and sisters of "like precious faith."

✓ Nothing can be fairer or more noble than the holy fervor of true zeal.—Jean Baptiste Moliere.

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✓ The wise man endeavors to shine in himself; the fool to outshine others. The first is humbled by the sense of his own infirmities; the last is lifted up by the discovery of those which he observes in other men. The wise man considers what he wants, and the fool what he abounds in. The wise man is happy when he gains his own approbation, and the fool when he recommends himself to the applause of those about him.—Joseph Addison.

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✓ To value riches is not to be covetous. They are the gift of God, and, like every gift of his, good in themselves, and capable of a good use. But to overvalue riches, to give them a place in the heart which God did not design them to fill, this is covetousness.—H. L. Wayland.

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FOR AS WE HAVE MANY members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness," Romans 12:4-8.

Seeing, then, that we belong to the Lord, we must acknowledge that we are not our own, to do as we please. We are redeemed for a purpose, and that is, to serve the Lord all the days of our lives. Paul the apostle said, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God," Romans 12:1, 2. Then Peter in his epistle said, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ," 1 Peter 2:5.

With the above in mind let us who are desirous of entering into life, grasp firmly to that holy will of God, so that we may perform God's will as the Spirit gives us power. For the Lord said, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you, John 15:16."

We are ordained of God to do one thing, and that is to bring forth fruit to the glory of God. This word *ordained* means appointed, equipped, given authority, or empowered, in order to do that which is required of us by Him who ordained us. Now the question is, "Does the Bible in any place verify this fact?" Yes! John 14:12-17 says, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask anything in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you."

The Spirit of God is the power necessary for the true Christian worker to bring forth the kind of fruit God desires. Paul describes that spiritual fruit in Galatians 5:22, 23, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance." It is the Spirit who enables us to love all mankind and to have true joy and peace. The Spirit gives us power to suffer long and be gentle; He fills the soul full of goodness so that others will see it. Through Him we have faith, meekness and temperance. The Spirit of God does even more, "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body," 1 Corinthians 12:13.

The Spirit dissolves what we were, then, through the blood of Jesus our Lord and remolds us. We are no longer as we were while in sin, alone and lonely, but

e Holy Spirit

By HARRY A. MUSHEGAN

He molds us anew, making us a part of that great body of Christ, the Church, which "Is not one member but many," 1 Corinthians 12:14. Then to each member of the body He gives a special operation which is described in 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, by the Apostle Paul, "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; to another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of Spirits; To another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will." (Let me stop at this verse for an explanation.) I have heard this verse debated on different occasions. Some say it means that as the individual who is filled with the Holy Ghost has a spiritual need, he may use any of the facilities the Spirit of God possesses to fulfill that need. Others say that this means the Spirit of God divides to every man the various gifts severally as he will. Before I go further with this, let us take a long look at the Scriptures as to what is the mission of the Holy Ghost to mankind.

Jesus said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter," John 14:15, 16. "And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment," John 16:8. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: . . . He will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you, John 16:13, 14.

Notice, "He is a comforter . . . He may abide with you forever . . . He reproves the world . . . He guides you into all truth . . . He will shew you things to come." In other words, His work is a universal one not confined to one particular task, but as Paul puts it, "There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit, and there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all."

When we receive the Holy Ghost, we do not receive a small working portion of God's Spirit, but the whole of the Spirit in his entire Holy Self comes within the human body, even as our spirit presently occupies all of our body. Our spirit is not confined to just one portion of our body, but is in every living part of us; whether it be our ears, or our toes, our limbs or our torso, our spirit occupies all of us, for it is our life. So also is the Holy Ghost in the child of God, for He is our life when we are a molded part of Christ's body, the Church. Whatever the need may be, He possesses the remedy to bring about true relief.

THE HUMAN BODY, through its blood, supplies the anti-bodies to combat infection regardless of what part in the body this infection is attacking. The Holy Ghost, in like manner, does not isolate His power to just one portion of the Christian body.

Remember as the body has its individual parts—hands, feet, arms, etc.—so also does the body of Christ. The Bible says, "Now ye are the body of Christ and members in particular. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings,

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helps, governments, diversities of tongues," 1 Corinthians 12:27, 28. All of these are the workings of the various members of the body of Christ; yet the Spirit is not just a small portion confined to each part, for He is all over the body and in the body, directing its operation. Just suppose the spiritual hand is injured, what happens? The Spirit allows the exercise of healing, or miracles, to restore that member to usefulness so that the Church, which is the body of Christ, may continue bearing fruit to the glory of God. Likewise, all these gifts are placed in the body for the benefit of the body, and for the edifying of the Church. The question is often asked, "Who may operate these gifts the Spirit has placed in the body?" The answer is simple: they who are washed in the blood of the Lamb of God, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. They may use the gifts as the need arises. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God," Romans 8:14. "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ," Galatians 4:6, 7.

Now if we are made heirs of God through Christ, then are we members of the great family of God, and we have every right to use the full facilities of the Holy Ghost which are made available to us who are adopted into the family of God. But what are we to do with this great spiritual recourse? Jesus said, "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: *freely* ye have received, *freely give,*" Matthew 10:8.

This takes us back to the beginning of this article and the quotation, "He that giveth, let him do it with simplicity." Why with simplicity? For this reason—"Freely ye have received, freely give." This one thought will answer why no more is being done today in the realm of spiritual manifestation. Instead of giving freely and in simplicity as we are instructed by our Lord, we often are guilty of yielding to the passion within—the passion for the applause and praise of men which belongs only to God. Instead of using the gifts of God to edify the Church which Christ purchased with His own blood, the individual uses them to edify and further his own causes.

The day of miracles is not over, especially for those who will truly step out on the whole promise of God. For the Bible says, "But the people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits," Daniel 11:32. In other words the people who do know their God realize that He is a jealous God and will not give His glory to another. The people who do know God are convinced He will regard only that person who is "of a contrite spirit and who trembleth at my word." When God finds this type of person, He is with him for blessing and heavenly help. James said, "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, *this man shall be blessed in his deed,*" James 1:25. God is with him, and will not let his faith fall to the ground, but will sanction his efforts for Him with signs following the believers (Mark 16:17, 18).

Paul knowing the weaknesses of the flesh said, ". . . forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church," 1 Corinthians 14:12. Then he concludes, "If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord," 1 Corinthians 14:37.

There are some misinformed persons who feel that the gifts of the Spirit are only given to certain chosen individuals and not to the whole body of Christ, the Church. But this is not so, for the whole body of Christ has the authority to use these gifts given to them by the Holy Ghost. There is only one requirement: "Present your body a living sacrifice, holy, and acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God," Romans 12:1, 2.

A sacrifice is anything consecrated or surrendered as an offering to God, which is of value to oneself, but is given to God at a loss to the individual in acknowledgment of his wonderful goodness and love. If we give ourself as a living sacrifice to God, we are no longer our own, but we belong to God to be disposed of as He sees best. Then Paul uses the word *Holy,* and when one is holy, sin is abolished, whether that sin is by act, or heart-filled lust, or of self-exaltation and covetousness. He also says, *acceptable unto God;* that is, we have conformed to the standards prescribed by God in His Word which is, "Follow peace with all men and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord," Hebrews 12:14. "Be not conformed to this world. but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind." We cannot comply with, agree to, or compromise with this world. Our thoughts must be transformed, altered, changed, be made new, because we must "prove what is that good, and acceptable and perfect, will of God." We prove this by the fruit of the Spirit working through us; in other words, by signs following the believers and by love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, faith; for this is the will of God concerning you.

"For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's, Romans 14:7, 8.

Let us now consider whether the Spirit divideth "to every man severally as he will." As the need arises to the child of God, he can use the fulness of the Holy Ghost power within him to meet that emergency. In my humble opinion, if a person is acceptable to God as the foregoing pages describe, he is so filled with God that there is no difference. Forsaking his own will, the child of God follows the will of Him Who has commissioned the work to go on. Then it is no longer man working, but God working through man.

In conclusion, I wish to call your attention to the words of Paul in 1 Corinthians 12:7, "But the mani-

festation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." Each of us, as the parable of the talents illustrates, is required to bring back a reasonable return to our Lord. Jesus, knowing this, sent us the Holy Ghost as a comforter, by whom we have power to overcome our inabilities and shortcomings, and to profit withal. The *manifestation* (showing or working) of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal." The word *withal* means with the rest. So if a man is to actually make a profit for God with the gift at hand, it is expedient that he cooperate with, and humbly submit himself to the required task at hand. This he cannot do, unless he is in harmony with the rest of the body, the Church, coordinating with its movements to bring forth fruit to the glory of God. "For none liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. Whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's."

THE CHURCH OF GOD IN SOUTHEAST TEXAS

(Continued from page 5)

IMPROVEMENTS TO CHURCH PROPERTIES

CHURCHES—

4 new buildings (Pittsburg and Thicket built; Ladonia and San Juan bought; four others made major improvements; Rosewood bricked church, added Sunday School rooms, nursery, etc.)	$ 37,050.00
8 churches bought church furniture—pianos, pews, chairs, etc.	3,650.00
12 churches re-decorated—new floors, ceilings, siding, painting, etc.	5,285.00
LOTS—	
11 lots purchased, graded, and improved	7,775.00
PARSONAGES—	
7 new parsonages (San Antonio, Bonham, Sherman, San Juan, Dallas (Elam Road); Pittsburg and Corpus Christi built parsonages connected to church; four other parsonages made major improvements—rooms added, etc.)	48,883.00
21 parsonages bought furniture—living room, bedroom, refrigerators, deep freezes, etc., some completely furnished	10,390.78
9 parsonages re-decorated—interior, exterior and minor improvements	2,175.00
Total	$115,208.78

STATE PARSONAGE—

Brick, with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and enclosed breezeway connecting 4-room office building. Double concrete drive on corner lot, lovely residential section 3 blocks from large new shopping center — 19,954.56

Banker's value — $21,600.00

Finally purchased for 15,000.00

Furniture and furnishings — 2,616.45

Office and equipment — 2,338.11

STATE YOUTH PARSONAGE—

In nice location 2 blocks from main street of city; 2 bedrooms, bath, nice laundry and workshop room, and carport. Well worth $9,000.00

Built by free labor but principally by the youth director, Mac Symes, who shopped carefully for materials and beautiful furnishings

Parsonage, lot and furniture (includes $1,700 estimated free labor) — 7,800.00

Total — 27,754.56

Grand Total — $142,963.34

NORTH CAROLINA CONQUERS FOR GOD

(Continued from page 4)

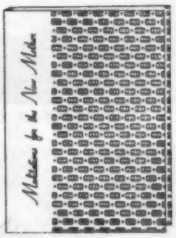
Evangelism has been given top consideration in the state by the Rev. Aultman and his councilors. From tents to impressive church buildings the story of the cross has been proclaimed for the glory of God. Humble men, but great men, empowered by the power of the Holy Ghost have gone forth and conquered for God. In the past 2 years our Church of God ministers have reported 87,942 sermons delivered. In the same period 22,595 have been saved, 10,955 have been sanctified, and 6,455 baptized with the precious Holy Ghost. Then there were 2,370 baptized in water. Could it be possible that water baptism is not being emphasized enough? Resulting from our evangelistic efforts, 23 new churches have been organized, and 4,902 have united with the Church of God in North Carolina since the last General Assembly.

The loyal members have expressed sincere love for the work of God by sending to the state office, in 2 years, $163,832.71, which represents the tithe of tithes. Among other things, this money has been disbursed to underpaid pastors, to evangelists, and to the organizing of new churches.

The report of the Willing Workers is something worthy of notice. The ladies are to be highly commended for raising, in 2 years, to assist the local churches, $330,000. This is big business for God.

The youth director and his state board have designed and promoted interesting programs for the youth. The youth camps, where scores of young people are directed to follow Christ, are always well attended.

Not only is the Rev. Aultman a capable supervisor, but he has surrounded himself with responsible persons in key positions; consequently, the work has advanced greatly under his administration. After almost 4 years of proven leadership, we feel like saying, "Thanks, Brother Aultman, for a task well done."



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reports

Church Enjoys Progress Since Assembly

Port Huron Church—Before

Port Huron Church—After

Church Enjoys Progress

PORT HURON, Mich.—Michigan is still on the move. Since the last assembly, the Church of God in Port Huron has enjoyed great progress under the leadership of our good pastor, Rev. LaVail Maguire. The church has had much improvement inside and out with the purchasing of property adjoining the church property, and we now have a nice church, Friendship Hall, with a nice kitchen and dining room. We have a parking lot which will park about 60 cars. The total value of the property is approximately $65,000. We thank the Lord because He certainly has blessed us.

We just closed a wonderful revival with Rev. Edward Kelley of West Virginia. Six were saved, 1 received the Holy Ghost and the church was greatly blessed by the presence of the Lord in every meeting. The church certainly appreciates our good pastor and his family. —*Elmer Boshaw, clerk*

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Seven Members Added

METROPOLIS, Ill.—Please let me sound a note of praise for the Metropolis Church. We have been here almost 2 years. The dear Lord has blessed in so many ways. We praise Him today for His love. Even though the enemy has worked hard and is still working, I'm glad the Lord is more than a match for the enemy. We have taken 7 new members into the church.

Pray for God's will to be done in our lives. —*E. B. Carter, Pastor*

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Twenty Saved at Dyersburg

DYERSBURG, Tenn.—We wish to sound a note of praise for the progress of the Dyersburg Church of God. Our church has been completely redecorated throughout, with 1 classroom, nursery, and L.W.W.B. kitchen added.

We had a great revival in May. Our pastor, Brother H. M. Hunt, secured Sister Jo Garlit, from Jacksonville, Indiana, as the evangelist. We feel that Sister Garlit is one of the finest evangelists we have to work with the young people.

There were 20 saved, 12 sanctified, 9 filled with the Holy Ghost, 9 added to the church, and 10 baptized in water. —*Reporter*

Words without thoughts never to heaven go.—William Shakespeare.

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Where there is no vision, the people perish.—Proverbs 29:18.

in memoriam

LOVE

On December 18, 1957, the Lord called Sister Lucy Love home. Sister Love had been a member of the Church of God for about 30 years. I can say truthfully that I have never had a more loyal member than Sister Love. She came to church when she was physically disabled; the weather never got too hot for her to attend the house of God. She loved the church and felt that the church was a part of her life. She had been a member of the Lakeview Church here in Augusta, Georgia, for approximately 8 months.

Sister Love became sick in church service on Sunday night and died the following week. She leaves here to await her resurrection, 2 daughters, 2 brothers and 4 sisters. Many young people looked to her as a mother in Christ.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. W. A. Bingham and the Rev. B. L. Smith.

—W. A. Bingham, pastor

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ANNIE LEE TART

In this year of 1958 on or about February 11, Sister Annie Lee Tart passed away from this life at her home on Route 2, Dunn, North Carolina. She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, Emmra Tart, and children who seemed to need her so much, but her God whom she served needed her most. Our loss is heaven's gain. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the the city" (Rev. 22:14).

Her funeral was conducted on Thursday afternoon at the Fair Haven Church of God. The Rev. R. W. Tedder and the Rev. Chester Davis officiated. The many beautiful flowers were tokens of her many friends. She was one of the oldest members of the Fair Haven Church and will be more than missed in her faithfulness to the church and the community in which she lived. The sick she visited, the poor in spirit she comforted, the weak she strengthened, the needy she helped as opportunity afforded her; all these will miss her. May her memory live on in this community and her home. Our sympathy is extended to her family and many friends and relatives.

—Rowena Barefoot

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ZUKER

On April 4, 1958, the death angel came and took from our midst Sister Grady Lee Zuker. She was a charter member of the Cedartown, Georgia, Church of God, and had been a faithful member for many years. She served her family and her church well. Her loyal and untiring efforts will be missed by the church and the community.

She leaves to mourn her departure her husband, Charlie Zuker, 1 son, 6 daughters, 4 grandchildren, and a host of relatives and friends.

Her funeral was conducted at the Church of God in Cedartown by her pastor, the Rev. John W. Padgett, assisted by the Rev. W. P. Cornwell. Burial was in Polk Memory Gardens to await the resurrection of the righteous. Our loss surely is heaven's gain.

—John W. Padgett, pastor

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GALLOWAY

On July 25, 1957, death claimed the spirit of Sister Eva Galloway, age 70. She was a charter member of the Shepherds Fold Church of God, Covington, Louisiana. Sister Galloway had one of the finest spirits of any woman I ever met. She enjoyed my reading the Scripture to her and praying with her very much. She said it encouraged her to press on. Not too long before her death her husband, also a member of the Church of God, was killed in a car accident, so she had sorrows. We are sure that she has gone where there will be no more grief.

She is survived by 4 fine children. May God richly bless each one of them. Her funeral was conducted by the Rev. B. D. Gore, assisted by the Rev. J. C. McLendon and the Rev. N. H. Pulling. Her body was laid to rest in the Simaloosa Cemetery to await the coming of the Lord.

—B. D. Gore, pastor

Rev. T. F. Blackwell

BLACKWELL

The Rev. T. F. Blackwell, born August 14, 1888, at Melzo, Missouri, passed away April 20, 1958.

This pioneer preacher was converted when a young boy in a Baptist church at Blackwell, Missouri; he was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost July 20, 1920. He was a charter member of the Church of God in Bonne Terre, Missouri. Since there was no pastor then available, he was appointed as leader of the infant church. God blessed his efforts in that capacity and the church recognized God's call upon him for the ministry and gave him evangelist's license on April 14, 1922. Two years later, August 18, 1924, he was ordained a bishop.

He has pastored churches in Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, North Carolina, Illinois, and West Virginia. He was the first state Sunday School and Y.P.E. superintendent in West Virginia; also served in this capacity in Tennessee. In 1948, he served in the orphanage in Cleveland, caring for the preschool-age boys.

Brother Blackwell erected church buildings in several of his pastorates and always left them clear of debt when he moved to another appointment. Although he retired from the active ministry nine years ago, shortly before he became ill, Brother Blackwell conducted a revival in a pioneer field and organized the Church of God at Rutledge, Tennessee.

During his short stay with his children, missionaries in Cuba, he was a great blessing and inspiration to the work and workers there, and longed to remain and work in that field. All the Cuban brethren were eagerly longing for and await-

ing his return to minister among them.

His funeral was held in the East Chattanooga, Tennessee, Church of God and was conducted by the Rev. James Cross, the Rev. H. D. Williams, and the pastor, James L. Slay. The interment was in Fort Hill Cemetery in Cleveland, Tennessee. —*James L. Slay, Pastor*

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MARY NAOMI LAUD PRATHER

Mary Naomi Laud Prather was born November 29, 1880, and departed this life October 15, 1957, at the age of 76 years, 11 months and 14 days. She was a charter member of the Cantwell, Missouri, Church of God and was a Sunday School teacher there for 25 years, and for 10 years straight she missed only one Sunday. She retired after 25 years because of serious illness. Many of her students are now ministers—the Rev. Joseph L. Milligan, the Rev. Paul Milligan, the Rev. Earl T. Golden, and she was dearly loved by the Rev. Clifford Jinkerson as if she were his own mother.

We can add to this that one of her students and their children have been missionaries to the foreign fields. The Rev. and Mrs. C. E. French, the former Miss Ellen Brown, and their children were missionaries to India and later to Peru, South America.

Sister Prather leaves 4 children: Mrs. Elsie Byington, of Farmington, Missouri; Ferlyn Prather, of Desloge, Missouri; Hylton Prather, of Cantwell, Missouri; and Miss Leavah Prather, of Los Angeles, California.

She will be greatly missed in her church and in her community. The family sincerely requests your prayers.

—*Leavah Prather, Daughter*

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ALDERMAN

Luther Alderman, Sunday School superintendent of the adult department and clerk of the Napier Avenue Church of God in Macon, Georgia, passed away April 6, after several weeks of sickness. His funeral was conducted Wednesday, April 9, by his pastor, the Rev. Hoyt Odom, assisted by the Rev. W. E. Wright and the Rev. D. T. Toler. Burial was in the National Cemetery, Marietta, Georgia.

Brother Alderman was a devoted Christian and one of the most loyal and faithful men the church had. He is missed by his church. Please pray for his wife and 4 children.

—*Hoyt Odom, pastor*

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Monday, August 4

Scripture, Matthew 11:28

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Pray for the many lost souls around you.

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Tuesday, August 5

Scripture, John 10:14

A good shepherd knows his sheep. Yea, he not only knows his sheep but also loves them, even to the laying down of his life for them. Sheep are not easily misled; they know their shepherd. Long days and weary nights have made their companionship inseparable. How thrilling it is to know our acquaintance with Christ is mutual. He knows us. We know Him.

Pray for the backsliders of your church.

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Wednesday, August 6

Scripture, John 8:11

Condemnation cannot be forgotten, neither can it be ignored. It is an ever-present, tormenting feeling as long as it lives. Its only cure is its death. Only one person has the power to relinquish guilt and remove it, literally killing it in our lives. What a message of assurance. "Neither do I condemn thee." Yet, it is followed by a stern command, "Go and sin no more." Both are for our spiritual well-being.

Pray for a nation-wide revival in the Church of God.

Thursday, August 7

Scripture, Matthew 6:32

What divine knowledge! Your heavenly Father knoweth! He knoweth ye have need of all these things. Before we recognize our need, He knows it. Before it becomes a need, He knows it. He not only knows it but has already planned that our needs shall be supplied. No amount of our fretting can add to His knowledge of our need or His provision for it.

Pray for a world-wide revival on the mission fields.

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Friday, August 8

Scripture, Matthew 24:44

Readiness is the Saviour's watchword. Preparation for any task is all-important. It is too late to prepare after we have done the job. Get ready! Stay ready! Be ready! "For in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." This should be sufficient. We cannot expect to be further warned. "Therefore be ye also ready."

Pray for a Holy Ghost revival in your local church.

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Saturday, August 9

Scripture, Matthew 12:30

We cannot be an undeclared follower of Christ. There is no room in His army for a soldier ashamed of his uniform or the banner under which he marches. We cannot be passive or neutral. Our position must be declared. It is not enough to do nothing against Him, but we must do something for Him.

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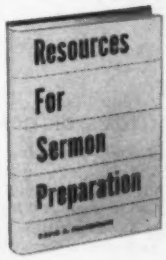

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